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1. SUMMARY. A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE TRADE
BILL ARE TAKING PLACE IN WASHINGTON WHICH POSTS MAY WISH TO

DRAW ON IN DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE REFORM ACT (TRA). WHILE NO DATE HAS BEEN SET AS YET, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE (SFC) SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT MARKUP OF THE TRA IN EARLY JUNE. SECRETARIES SHULTZ, DENT, AND BUTZ, SECRETARY-DESIGNATE SIMON AND CIEP DIRECTOR FLANIGAN HAVE ALL BEEN ACTIVE ON THE HILL IN PUBLIC HEARINGS AND IN MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS URGING PROMPT ENACTMENT OF TRADE LEGISLATION. PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES ARE SEEKING PROMPT FINANCE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF TRA. SECRETARY KISSINGER MET APRIL 26 WITH LEADING SPONSORS OF JACKSON/VANIK (J/V) AMENDMENT. IN ANTICIPATION OF PASSAGE OF TRA SOMETIME THIS SUMMER, PREPARATORY WORK FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IS PROCEEDING, INCLUDING STR, COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE ESTABLISHING PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES. END SUMMARY.

2. SOUNDINGS IN SFC INDICATE MAJORITY SUPPORT TRA IN GENERAL. SFC IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ITS ATTENTION ON PARTICULAR SECTIONS OF THE BILL SUCH AS COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, SECTOR NEGOTIATION REQUIREMENT, ENRICHING ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS, LIBERALIZING ESCAPE CLAUSE PROVISION AND REWORKING NTB VETO AUTHORITY, ETC., AND ON SHORT SUPPLY -SUPPLY ACCESS ISSUES. HOWEVER, MAJOR HURDLE TO PASSAGE OF TRA REMAINS REFORMULATION OF JACKSON/VANIK AMENDMENT (SECTION 402). GIVEN BUSY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SENATE WORK PROGRAM FOR REMAINDER OF THIS SESSION, ADMINISTRATION IS URGING COMMITTEE TO BEGIN TRA MARKUP AT EARLIEST PRACTICAL DATE. SFC WORK PROGRAM INCLUDES ENERGY TAX BILL WHICH IS EXPECTED TO PASS HOUSE SOON. FINANCE COMMITTEE MUST DECIDE SHORTLY WHETHER TO BEGIN WORK ON ENERGY TAX BILL BEFORE COMPLETING TRA MARKUP. CHAIRMAN LONG IS UNCOMMITTED TO DATE, BUT THE SFC CALENDAR WOULD PERMIT TRA MARKUP IN EARLY JUNE.

3. REPRESENTATIONS FROM BOTH CABINET LEVEL OFFICIALS AND FROM PRIVATE INTERESTS ARE BEING MADE TO URGE PROMPT ACTION BY SFC. SECRETARY DENT HAS CALLED ON SFC LEADERSHIP POINTING OUT ON BASIS OF RECENT EUROPEAN TRIP, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING MTN AND NECESSITY OF PROMPT PASSAGE OF TRA. SECRETARY BUTZ HAS CONTACTED SFC SENATORS FROM AGRICULTURAL STATES ON SCHEDULING EARLY MARKUP. SECRETARY SHULTZ AND SECRETARY-DESIGNATE SIMON HAVE URGED QUICK PASSAGE DURING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS. MAJOR BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL GROUPS HAVE BEGUN URGING FINANCE COMMITTEE TO SCHEDULE MARKUP. TWENTY-ONE MAJOR AGRICULTURE GROUPS ADDRESSED LETTER TO THIS EFFECT TO MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES.

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4. PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR GENEVA GROMYKO MEETING, SECRETARY

KISSINGER MET WITH SENATORS JACKSON, RIBICOFF, AND JAVITS TO DISCUSS J/V. AT APRIL 26TH PRESS CONFERENCE, SECRETARY SAID THAT ALL APPROACHED THE DISCUSSIONS WITH ATTITUDE THAT IT WAS SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR WHICH WE WOULD TRY TO FIND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION. SECRETARY STATED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH SENATORS WOULD CONTINUE AFTER HE RETURNS FROM NEAR EAST.

5. IN THE MEANTIME, WORK IS PROCEEDING WITHIN ADMINISTRATION AND IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, SUCH AS THE GATT, IN PREPARATION FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. INDUSTRY POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF CORPORATE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM CROSS SECTION OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY HAS HELD ITS FIRST MEETING. STR AND COMMERCE HAVE CHARTERED 26 INDUSTRY SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO ADVISE ON POLICY AND PROVIDE DETAILED TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON SECTOR INTERESTS IN THE MTN. STR AND USDA HAVE ALSO CONCLUDED PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR OVERALL AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND NINE AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES. RUSH

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